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MEMORANDA.

Trade.—The imports during December were valued at £4,059,691, and were the highest for any month during the year. The total imports for the year were £34,358,830—the largest figures on record, and equal to £22 13s. 10d. per head of population. The direct oversea imports amounted to £19,434,201, as compared with £14,485,123 in 1905. The total for the year shows an increase of £4,934,822—made up of an increase of £4,949,078 in goods of British and Foreign produce, and a decrease of £14,256 in goods of Australian produce. In almost every article of oversea origin large increases were shown; the principal ones being apparel, gold, iron and steel, machinery, metal manufactures, and timber. Dried fruits and kerosene decreased during the year.

The oversea exports for December amounted to £4,640,954, an increase of £467,101 over December, 1905. For the year the oversea exports were £31,018,274, as compared with £24,493,530 in 1905. It is not at present possible to give the total exports for the year, as the Interstate movement for December is not available, but there are indications to show that it will probably equal £45,000,000, or £29 14s. 0d. per head, and over £8,000,000 more than in 1905, which showed the highest value up to that time. Of the increase in the oversea exports, £3,163,677 was in merchandise, and £3,361,067 in gold.¹ The largest increase is in wool; but all the staple articles—wheat, butter, skins, copper, timber, and coal—show large increases.

Shipping.—During 1906, 268 more vessels entered the ports of the State, and 189 more cleared therefrom, than in 1905. The total tonnage of vessels trading with the State was 10,558,750—namely, 5,283,719 entered, and 5,275,031 cleared, all showing large increases over 1905. There was a slight decrease in the tonnage of sailing vessels, but a large increase in steam vessels.

Wheat Crop, 1906-7.—It is estimated that the wheat yield during this season will be 24,034,000 bushels from 1,967,200 acres, or a little less than 12½ bushels per acre. The estimated yield of hay is 408,000 tons from 330,550 acres. In total production and average yield per acre the crop ranks next to the record season of 1903-4. After allowing for home consumption there will be about 11,000,000 bushels for export.

The following statement shows, in each of the principal divisions of the State, the area under grain and the yield of wheat in 1906-7, as compared with 1905-6 :—

District.	1906-7.		1905-6.	
	Estimated Area.	Estimated Yield.	Area.	Yield.
	acres.	bushels.	acres.	bushels.
Coast	8,914	110,000	10,845	63,638
Tableland	134,083	1,898,600	141,720	1,526,632
Western Slopes.....	962,985	12,583,700	912,700	9,862,334
Western Plains.....	245,617	3,036,970	249,360	2,018,194
Riverina.....	612,770	6,379,630	620,616	7,243,888
Western Division.....	2,833	25,100	4,206	22,514
The Whole State	1,967,202	24,034,000	1,939,447	20,737,200

Mineral Production.—The gold yield during December was 17,002 oz. crude, equal to 15,571 oz. fine, valued at £66,140. During the year the value of the gold produced apparently declined by £86,147, as compared with 1905. It has, however, been ascertained that the deficiency is due to the fact that a quantity of gold has not been sent forward to the Mint, but has been carried over to the next year.

Prices.—The index numbers show that during 1906 prices of the staple products were generally 28 per cent. higher than in 1901, and 11 per cent. higher than in 1905. The index number for pastoral produce was 1,316, for metals 1,432, and for all articles 1,277, compared with the basis 1,000 in 1,901. During the year the prices of all articles, but especially of the industrial metals, increased. Wool increased over 10 per cent. and the metals nearly 25 per cent. The general index number for December was 1,346, the highest for the year.

Meteorology.—During December the rainfall showed a rather erratic distribution, but in the majority of districts was above the average. On the Coast the fall was below normal. As regards the year 1906, it may be said, taking it as a whole, the distribution of rain was of a most favourable nature, especially in the districts west of the Mountains and on the extreme North Coast. The year was also favourable by reason of the absence of parching winds, storms, and flood rains.

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No. 1.—Population.

Year.	Estimated Population at end of Year.			Annual Increase.		Mean Population.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Numerical.	Per cent.	
1895	672,520	589,750	1,262,270	23,020	1'86	1,250,760
1896	680,185	598,785	1,278,970	16,700	1'32	1,270,620
1897	692,090	609,690	1,301,780	22,810	1'78	1,290,375
1898	701,815	621,315	1,323,130	21,350	1'64	1,312,455
1899	710,520	633,560	1,344,080	20,950	1'58	1,333,605
1900	718,995	645,595	1,364,590	20,510	1'53	1,354,335
1901	723,935	656,496	1,379,531	14,941	1'09	1,372,060
1902	740,775	666,846	1,407,621	28,090	2'04	1,393,622
1903	754,632	676,997	1,431,629	24,008	1'70	1,422,803
1904	773,234	688,299	1,461,533	29,904	2'09	1,446,440
1905	794,400	701,650	1,496,050	34,517	2'36	1,478,600
31st March, 1906 ...	799,260	705,440	1,504,700	.....	.....	.....
30th June, 1906 ...	804,740	709,500	1,514,240	.....	.....	.....
30th Sept., 1906 ...	810,850	713,730	1,524,580	.....	.....	.....

No. 2.—Marriages, Births, and Deaths.

Year.	Marriages.	Births.		Deaths.		Excess of Births over Deaths.	
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Numerical.	Per 1,000 of Population.
1895	8,030	19,877	18,897	8,671	6,243	23,860	19'07
1896	8,495	18,691	17,815	9,256	6,583	20,667	16'27
1897	8,813	18,989	18,258	8,314	5,950	22,983	17'81
1898	8,888	18,723	17,499	9,636	7,025	19,561	14'90
1899	9,275	18,613	17,848	9,131	6,770	20,560	15'42
1900	9,996	18,964	18,182	8,951	6,167	22,028	16'26
1901	10,538	19,149	18,726	9,327	6,694	21,854	15'93
1902	10,486	19,322	18,513	9,535	7,111	21,189	15'20
1903	9,759	18,377	17,589	9,428	7,069	19,469	13'68
1904	10,422	19,857	18,810	8,733	6,627	23,307	16'11
1905	10,970	20,206	19,295	8,709	6,269	24,523	16'59
Jan. to Sept., 1906 ...	8,617	15,637	14,835	6,456	4,609	19,407	.....
July to Sept., 1906	2,799	5,510	5,123	2,296	1,590	6,747	.....
July to Sept., 1905 ...	2,541	5,441	5,043	2,260	1,627	6,597	.....

No. 3.—Movement of Population.

Year.	Arrivals.					Departures.				
	By Sea.		By Land.		Total.	By Sea.		By Land.		Total.
	Males.	Females	Males.	Females		Males.	Females	Males.	Females	
1895	49,213	26,838	36,770	21,305	134,126	48,331	23,797	39,423	23,415	134,966
1896	40,683	21,950	41,290	23,456	127,379	44,429	23,458	39,314	24,145	131,346
1897	44,780	22,230	45,357	25,992	138,365	43,939	22,572	45,868	27,059	138,538
1898	49,186	26,340	44,340	25,600	145,466	46,945	24,453	45,943	26,336	143,677
1899	49,960	27,674	46,358	25,625	149,617	47,817	23,746	49,278	28,386	149,227
1900	45,585	23,198	51,783	30,747	151,313	45,259	21,931	53,047	31,994	152,831
1901	50,234	25,905	56,341	31,132	163,612	44,332	25,168	68,025	33,000	170,525
1902	54,942	26,249	52,128	27,381	160,700	42,085	25,407	57,032	29,275	153,799
1903	46,121	24,449	54,320	27,464	152,354	39,529	24,097	56,004	28,185	147,815
1904	48,700	24,278	54,994	28,287	156,259	39,492	24,128	56,724	29,318	149,662
1905	47,872	26,298	62,987	35,142	172,299	38,850	24,768	62,340	36,347	162,305
Jan. to Sept., 1906 ...	35,637	20,833	51,691	31,215	139,376	29,850	19,335	50,323	30,791	130,299
July to Sept., 1906...	10,960	5,731	17,663	10,481	44,835	8,740	5,176	16,987	10,339	41,242
July to Sept., 1905 ...	10,305	4,949	16,782	8,131	40,167	8,019	4,765	15,649	7,911	37,344

No. 4.—Countries whence Immigrants arrived.

Year.	Other Australian States.		United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total.
	By Land.	By Sea.				
1900	82,530	45,962	4,857	9,770	8,194	151,313
1901	87,473	46,982	4,579	13,706	10,872	163,612
1902	79,509	46,899	4,864	13,161	16,267	160,700
1903	81,784	42,529	4,249	12,868	10,924	152,354
1904	83,281	42,910	4,842	14,314	10,912	156,259
1905	98,129	44,315	4,859	15,093	9,903	172,299
Jan. to Sept., 1906 ...	82,906	34,060	3,378	12,821	6,211	139,376
July to Sept., 1906...	28,144	9,764	1,431	3,482	2,014	44,835
July to Sept., 1905 ...	24,913	8,943	907	3,141	2,263	40,167

No. 5.—Countries for which Emigrants departed.

Year.	Other Australian States.		United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total.
	By Land.	By Sea.				
1900	85,641	42,863	5,798	9,477	9,052	152,831
1901	101,025	43,426	5,221	12,159	8,094	170,525
1902	86,307	36,540	5,956	12,803	12,193	153,799
1903	84,189	34,909	5,136	13,204	10,377	147,815
1904	86,042	35,920	5,837	12,782	9,081	149,662
1905	98,687	36,706	5,501	12,310	9,101	162,305
Jan. to Sept., 1906 ...	81,114	28,612	4,101	9,213	7,259	130,299
July to Sept., 1906...	27,326	7,678	564	3,340	2,334	41,242
July to Sept., 1905 ...	24,560	7,656	828	2,354	1,946	37,344

No. 6.—Principal Articles Imported, 1905 and 1904.

Article.	1905.			1904.		
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ale and Beer	34,961	116,911	151,872	35,729	134,312	170,041
Animals, Living	1,497,916	35,299	1,533,215	1,775,340	32,612	1,807,952
Apparel and Attire	356,366	775,523	1,131,889	294,614	742,373	1,036,987
Piece Goods	244,312	2,432,180	2,676,492	205,866	2,278,201	2,484,067
Boots and Shoes	186,882	104,096	290,978	187,993	142,649	330,642
Cordage and Twines	33,156	32,228	65,384	33,893	170,273	204,166
Drugs and Chemicals	21,220	157,228	178,448	18,081	116,588	134,669
Fish—all kinds	21,743	84,204	105,947	26,738	92,929	119,667
Fruits and Vegetables	488,717	68,084	556,801	389,881	62,112	451,993
Furniture	32,040	81,811	113,851	25,318	80,816	106,134
Glass and Glassware	21,937	94,720	116,657	24,585	108,724	133,309
Gold—Coined and Uncoined... ..	3,550,994	957,380	4,508,374	3,947,861	518,142	4,466,003
Hats and Caps	53,963	148,179	202,142	52,808	173,894	226,702
Implements, &c., Agricultural	174,732	89,293	264,025	164,633	148,375	313,008
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c.	25,088	221,970	247,058	20,495	183,575	204,070
Galvanized Sheet	31,588	251,912	283,500	25,249	234,267	259,516
Leather	93,153	109,552	204,705	76,329	117,980	194,309
Machines and Machinery	169,156	763,919	933,075	139,556	678,955	818,511
Metal Manufactures—Free	60,347	521,993	582,340	39,690	367,970	407,660
Dutiable	109,560	401,124	510,684	93,764	364,480	458,244
Oil—Kerosene... ..	11,441	128,776	140,217	11,292	120,224	131,516
Spirits—all kinds	68,486	327,948	396,434	70,169	263,774	333,943
Sugar	622,446	111,110	733,556	612,157	83,619	695,776
Tea	38,438	335,432	373,870	36,760	351,315	388,075
Timber... ..	177,308	336,698	514,006	143,992	421,623	565,615
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	124,184	203,401	327,585	132,853	212,831	345,684
Wool	1,129,709	2,534	1,132,243	919,603	2,885	922,488
All other Articles	5,557,042	5,591,618	11,148,660	4,646,852	4,969,049	9,615,901
Total	£ 14,938,885	14,485,123	29,424,008	14,152,101	13,133,857	27,285,958

No. 7.—Principal Articles Exported, 1905 and 1904.

Article.	1905.				1904.	
	Quantities.		Value.		Value.	
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.
			£	£	£	£
Animals, Living			2,101,458	144,989	679,114	90,628
Butter lb.	2,287,883	17,153,024	93,947	723,873	59,788	811,820
Coal tons.	1,510,989	1,940,229	772,851	792,751	752,686	724,779
Copper, Ingots, & Matte cwt.	797	380,470	2,851	1,232,048	2,003	868,041
Gold—Coined and Uncoined... ..			474,896	2,578,415	302,878	4,929,575
Grain—Wheat... .. cental.	694,807	2,710,545	194,256	761,437	208,184	1,415,489
Flour "	316,868	701,075	131,129	258,767	143,109	184,575
Lead—Pig, and Matte			402,162	610,696	16,271	649,804
Leather			104,798	339,813	106,148	233,813
Meats—Mutton and Lamb lb.	3,211,666	48,707,817	39,734	576,233	8,525	275,227
Rabbits and Hares prs.		3,150,300	1,500	143,768	1,721	54,286
Oil—Cocanut gall.	35,171	932,830	4,012	112,401	4,712	140,600
Ores			9,200	303,012	17,127	256,510
Silver Bullion, &c. oz.	2,416,627	820,481	191,761	96,517	251	176,348
Silver-lead Bullion		589,367		572,283	22,966	580,839
*Silver-lead Ore cwt.	260,070	371,149	42,769	152,869	1,490,548	138,605
Skins—Hides No.	76,711	148,474	86,208	162,295	78,401	80,173
Sheep "	379,571	3,199,651	79,190	350,389	43,327	160,466
Rabbit and Hare lb.	317,768	4,246,193	9,004	160,180	9,142	97,381
Other			2,942	264,214	8,758	161,616
†Spelter, Concentrates, &c. cwt.	7,060,805	247,062	1,306,997	43,946	32,742	46,344
Tallow "	13,312	396,563	11,927	452,403	11,415	268,108
Timber			29,387	323,878	23,722	185,698
Tin, Ingots cwt.	171	66,344	1,238	464,811	903	408,666
Wool—Greasy and Scoured lb.	56,083,721	230,217,131	2,304,925	11,141,335	1,593,627	8,657,131
All other Articles			3,804,330	1,730,207	4,299,982	1,493,263
Total	£		12,263,472	24,493,530	9,018,050	23,080,785

* See Spelter, Concentrates, &c.

† See Silver-lead Ore.

No. 8.—Trade.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.		
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1896 ...	8,855,161	11,706,349	20,561,510	7,945,243	15,065,106	23,010,349
1897 ...	8,972,854	12,771,496	21,744,350	7,788,077	15,962,995	23,751,072
1898 ...	11,721,033	12,732,527	23,453,560	8,162,429	19,485,688	27,648,117
1899 ...	10,868,437	14,725,878	25,594,315	8,862,274	19,583,192	28,445,466
1900 ...	10,164,080	17,396,991	27,561,071	9,979,214	18,185,302	28,164,516
1901 ...	9,368,011	17,560,207	26,928,218	9,140,497	18,210,625	27,351,122
1902 ...	10,949,675	15,024,535	25,974,210	7,568,922	15,975,129	23,544,051
1903 ...	12,792,252	13,977,917	26,770,169	7,876,898	18,861,213	26,738,111
1904 ...	14,152,101	13,133,857	27,285,958	9,918,050	23,089,785	33,007,835
1905 ...	14,938,885	14,485,123	29,424,008	12,263,472	24,493,530	36,757,002
1906 ...	14,924,629	19,434,201	34,358,830	*	31,018,274	.....

* Not yet available.

No. 9.—Trade Comparison—Imports—Monthly.

Month.	1906.			1905.			Increase.
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
January ...	742,149	1,093,356	1,835,505	941,863	1,282,597	2,224,460	—388,955
February ...	929,638	1,435,593	2,365,231	1,240,649	1,104,981	2,345,630	19,601
March ...	888,632	1,796,875	2,685,507	860,476	1,224,595	2,085,071	600,436
April ...	1,092,111	1,472,050	2,564,161	978,001	1,012,563	1,990,564	573,597
May ...	1,586,612	1,415,826	3,002,438	1,062,432	1,024,100	2,086,532	915,906
June ...	1,033,667	1,533,401	2,567,068	952,372	829,330	1,781,702	785,366
July ...	1,200,335	1,706,387	2,906,722	1,167,099	1,436,867	2,603,966	302,756
August ...	1,167,115	1,852,125	3,019,240	1,002,659	1,592,677	2,595,336	423,904
September ...	1,193,529	1,852,375	3,045,904	969,802	1,492,394	2,462,196	583,708
October ...	1,145,355	1,805,276	2,950,631	1,346,457	1,631,332	2,977,789	—27,158
November ...	1,701,310	1,655,422	3,356,732	1,112,632	1,550,604	2,663,236	693,496
December ...	2,244,176	1,815,515	4,059,691	1,649,367	1,965,979	3,615,346	444,345
Total (12 mos.) £	14,924,629	19,434,201	34,358,830	13,283,809	16,148,019	29,431,828	4,927,002

No. 10.—Trade Comparison—Exports—Monthly.

Month.	1906.			1905.			Increase.
	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
January ...	2,568,357	764,664	3,333,021	1,751,692	697,048	2,448,740	884,281
February ...	3,171,497	804,766	3,976,263	2,272,249	749,952	3,022,201	954,062
March ...	2,229,184	743,473	2,972,657	1,562,406	693,541	2,255,947	716,710
April ...	1,875,781	789,713	2,665,494	1,151,319	652,983	1,804,302	861,192
May ...	1,677,134	919,757	2,596,891	977,649	765,910	1,743,559	853,332
June ...	1,692,504	799,619	2,492,123	1,205,176	735,830	1,941,006	551,117
July ...	1,733,433	980,088	2,713,521	1,145,883	753,235	1,899,118	814,403
August ...	1,689,775	1,069,193	2,758,968	1,131,526	915,691	2,047,217	711,751
September ...	3,256,087	1,392,144	4,648,231	2,074,820	1,369,177	3,443,997	1,204,234
October ...	2,902,460	2,295,332	5,197,792	3,267,802	2,025,086	5,292,888	—95,096
November ...	3,581,108	1,902,001	5,483,109	3,767,512	1,601,002	5,368,514	114,595
December ...	4,640,954	*	.....	4,173,853	1,227,275	5,401,128	467,101†
Total (12 mos.) £	31,018,274	.....	.....	24,481,887	12,186,730	36,668,617	6,536,387†

* The figures for December are not yet available.

† Oversea only.

NOTE.—If the sum of the monthly values of imports and exports be compared with the totals in Tables 6, 7, and 8, it will be found that there are differences. The monthly figures are, of course, preliminary only, and subject to revision at the end of the year.

No. 11.—Principal Articles Imported during December, and during the twelve months—January to December.

Article.	1906.			1905.		
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.
December.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ale and Beer	4,356	13,938	18,284	2,701	20,938	23,639
Animals	84,254	7,793	92,047	318,821	5,407	324,228
Apparel and Soft Goods	35,840	301,723	337,563	27,296	390,503	417,799
Boots and Shoes	21,552	9,412	30,964	22,004	10,963	32,967
Cordage and Twines	3,706	18,934	22,640	3,937	19,265	23,202
Drugs and Chemicals	2,947	31,680	34,627	3,749	26,376	30,125
Fish—all kinds	736	26,820	27,556	847	25,990	26,837
Fruits—Dried	2,453	13,677	16,130	2,543	7,627	10,170
Fresh	14,307	17,313	31,620	20,501	5,163	25,664
Furniture	2,934	12,545	15,479	2,470	12,035	14,505
Glass and Glassware	1,442	8,684	10,126	1,482	15,340	16,822
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	1,008,072	129,133	1,137,205	225,188	103,984	335,172
Grain—Rice ... ..	.....	7,188	7,188	.....	8,480	8,480
Hats and Caps	3,958	15,862	19,820	3,231	22,298	25,529
Implements—Agricultural	29,375	14,723	44,098	20,141	10,689	30,830
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c.	203	21,164	21,367	180	21,184	21,364
Galvanized Sheet ... ..	.....	32,543	32,543	.....	43,368	43,368
Leather	8,510	13,554	22,064	9,655	11,779	21,434
Machines and Machinery	13,499	115,937	129,436	7,221	77,693	84,914
Metal Manufactures—Free	494	83,450	83,944	996	89,610	90,606
Dutiable	9,589	63,122	72,711	8,657	71,287	79,944
Oil—Kerosene ... ..	.....	5,859	5,859	.....	24,832	24,832
Spirits	2,978	39,924	42,902	3,117	63,297	66,414
Sugar	109,027	49,354	158,381	192,567	1,121	193,688
Tea ... ..	.....	41,431	41,431	.....	40,559	40,559
Timber	7,565	77,573	85,138	11,459	46,299	57,758
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	10,325	34,593	44,918	10,087	38,215	48,302
Wine	5,809	5,321	11,130	5,326	3,811	9,137
Wool	274,357	450	274,807	232,917	728	233,645
Other Articles	585,898	601,815	1,187,713	512,274	741,138	1,253,412
Total	£ 2,244,176	1,815,515	4,059,691	1,649,367	1,965,979	3,615,346

January to December.

Ale and Beer	18,820	127,228	146,048	34,961	116,911	151,872
Animals	1,468,876	59,554	2,528,430	1,497,916	35,299	1,533,215
Apparel and Soft Goods	360,667	4,479,729	4,840,396	600,678	3,207,793	3,808,381
Boots and Shoes	172,579	135,704	308,283	186,882	104,096	290,978
Cordage and Twines	28,921	243,105	272,026	33,156	32,228	65,384
Drugs and Chemicals	37,106	336,928	374,034	21,220	157,228	178,448
Fish—all kinds	8,093	145,599	153,692	21,743	84,204	105,947
Fruits—Dried	59,229	50,470	115,699	107,101	63,849	170,950
Fresh	199,540	91,872	291,412	319,258	13,737	332,995
Furniture	28,054	93,742	121,796	32,040	81,811	113,851
Glass and Glassware	11,399	135,270	146,669	21,937	94,720	116,657
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	3,516,828	1,651,971	5,168,799	3,550,994	957,380	4,508,374
Grain—Rice ... ..	.....	101,411	101,411	.....	88,756	88,756
Hats and Caps	49,856	209,533	259,389	53,963	148,179	202,142
Implements—Agricultural	140,248	103,533	243,781	174,732	89,293	264,025
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c.	1,995	338,911	340,906	25,088	221,970	247,058
Galvanized Sheet	6	378,257	378,263	31,588	251,912	283,500
Leather	102,423	186,972	289,395	95,153	109,552	204,705
Machines and Machinery	103,651	1,031,594	1,135,245	169,156	763,919	933,075
Metal Manufactures—Free	5,472	941,419	946,971	60,347	521,993	582,340
Dutiable	87,719	552,794	640,513	109,560	401,124	510,684
Oil—Kerosene ... ..	.....	118,106	118,106	11,441	128,776	140,217
Spirits	30,608	447,281	477,889	68,486	327,948	396,434
Sugar	860,284	185,309	1,045,593	622,446	111,110	733,556
Tea ... ..	.....	421,375	421,375	38,438	335,432	373,870
Timber	92,619	622,950	715,569	177,308	336,698	514,006
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	119,460	281,857	401,317	124,184	203,401	327,585
Wine	42,238	44,541	86,779	36,296	37,185	73,481
Wool	1,469,516	1,586	1,470,502	1,129,709	2,534	1,132,243
Other Articles	5,908,629	5,900,520	11,818,142	5,583,104	5,456,175	11,039,279
Total	£ 14,924,629	19,434,201	34,358,830	14,938,885	14,485,123	29,424,008

No. 12.—Principal Articles Exported Oversea during December, and during the twelve months—January to December.

Article.	1906.				1905.			
	Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.		Value.	
	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.
December.								
Animals—Horses ... No.	432	432	£ 15,228	£ 15,228	413	413	£ 8,393	£ 8,393
Butter ... lb.	3,696,056	3,696,056	154,001	154,001	2,983,738	2,980,738	127,670	127,670
Coal ... ton	178,983	178,983	79,633	79,633	270,012	270,012	115,525	115,525
Copper, Ingots & Matte cwt.	41,903	41,903	208,243	208,243	42,206	42,206	155,807	155,807
Fruits—Fresh ... cntl.	2,435	2,951	1,887	2,409	9,474	9,668	5,281	5,544
Gold—Coined, Uncoined	.....	.....	172,817	172,817	.....	.....	142,789	500,505
Grain—Wheat... bshl.	36,615	36,615	5,794	5,794	282,153	282,153	51,729	51,729
Flour ... ton	3,490	3,490	25,395	25,395	4,199	4,199	33,109	33,109
Lead ... cwt.	51,838	51,838	46,627	46,627	72,209	72,209	53,657	53,657
Leather ...	.....	.....	51,227	51,998	.....	.....	26,336	26,459
Meats—Beef ... lb.	243,959	243,959	3,264	3,264	688,023	688,023	7,486	7,486
Mutton & Lamb ,,	8,317,401	8,317,401	93,815	93,815	13,599,440	13,599,440	140,330	140,330
Rabbits & Hares pair	144,219	144,219	6,485	6,485	236,296	238,296	10,710	10,710
Meat—Preserved ... lb.	136,826	136,998	2,997	3,002	980,068	981,209	21,539	21,567
Oil—Cocanut ... ton	632	632	21,371	21,371	357	357	8,656	8,656
Ores ...	.....	.....	111,174	111,178	.....	.....	59,509	59,509
Silver Bullion ... oz.	54,005	54,005	7,061	7,061	208,278	208,278	25,312	25,312
Silver-lead Bullion ... cwt.	49,448	49,448	53,806	53,806	30,015	30,015	28,214	28,214
Skins—Hides ... No.	10,802	10,802	9,945	9,945	24,351	24,351	24,613	24,613
Sheep ... ,,	472,673	472,673	49,173	49,173	579,704	579,704	72,334	72,334
Rabbit & Hare... lb.	252,896	252,896	10,564	10,564	297,269	297,269	10,534	10,534
Other ...	.....	.....	45,052	45,052	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tallow ... cwt.	37,233	37,281	52,256	52,320	75,032	75,032	103,599	103,599
Timber ...	.....	.....	36,112	37,014	.....	.....	44,450	45,441
Tin, Ingots ... cwt.	7,369	7,369	70,938	70,938	5,582	5,582	44,880	44,880
Wine ... gal.	6,315	6,433	1,913	2,105	2,907	5,852	879	1,940
Wool ... lb.	63,428,060	63,428,060	3,159,095	3,159,095	17,893,000	17,893,000	2,237,137	2,237,137
Other Articles ...	.....	.....	67,768	142,711	.....	.....	129,006	253,193
Total ... £	.....	.....	4,563,551	4,640,954	.....	.....	3,689,484	4,173,853
January to December.								
Animals—Horses ... No.	4,194	4,200	79,963	81,291	5,439	5,444	119,464	124,964
Butter ... lb.	23,973,160	23,973,160	1,003,836	1,003,836	17,152,964	17,153,024	723,870	723,873
Coal ... ton	2,000,631	2,000,631	878,761	878,761	1,940,229	1,940,229	792,751	792,751
Copper, Ingots & Matte cwt.	394,828	394,828	1,577,609	1,577,609	380,470	380,470	1,232,048	1,232,048
Fruits—Fresh ... cntl.	46,813	48,411	30,185	31,841	88,480	91,540	43,482	45,486
Gold—Coined, Uncoined	.....	.....	5,811,622	5,939,482	.....	.....	1,642,956	2,578,415
Grain—Wheat... bshl.	4,217,235	4,217,235	689,920	689,920	4,517,575	4,517,575	761,437	761,437
Flour ... ton	38,932	38,938	285,418	285,482	35,009	35,054	257,819	258,767
Lead ... cwt.	797,760	797,932	650,852	650,995	1,002,771	1,002,771	610,696	610,696
Leather ...	.....	.....	329,395	339,551	.....	.....	335,892	339,813
Meats—Beef ... lb.	3,679,265	3,679,265	41,602	41,602	2,068,365	2,068,365	23,659	23,659
Mutton & Lamb ,,	50,913,070	50,913,070	537,818	537,818	48,707,817	48,707,817	576,233	576,233
Rabbits & Hares pair	5,939,240	5,939,240	246,489	246,489	3,150,300	3,150,300	143,768	143,768
Meat—Preserved ... lb.	4,176,315	4,184,525	84,476	84,653	8,829,326	8,849,963	165,118	165,118
Oil—Cocanut... ton	13,229	13,231	151,292	151,317	4,664	4,664	112,401	112,401
Ores ...	.....	.....	840,952	844,440	.....	.....	302,978	303,012
Silver Bullion ... oz.	544,233	849,771	79,720	104,810	820,481	820,481	96,517	96,517
Silver-lead Bullion ... cwt.	705,642	705,642	684,499	684,499	589,367	589,367	572,283	572,283
Skins—Hides ... No.	130,539	130,539	146,771	146,771	148,474	148,474	162,295	162,295
Sheep ... ,,	3,116,772	3,117,054	403,426	403,472	3,199,651	3,199,651	359,389	359,389
Rabbit & Hare... lb.	7,527,265	7,527,265	297,792	297,792	4,243,760	4,246,193	159,747	160,180
Other ...	.....	.....	415,192	415,479	.....	.....	264,214	264,214
Tallow ... cwt.	363,941	363,989	470,474	470,538	396,563	396,563	452,403	452,403
Timber ...	.....	.....	345,795	360,940	.....	.....	313,185	323,878
Tin, Ingots ... cwt.	85,413	85,483	761,862	761,999	66,344	66,344	464,811	464,811
Wine ... gal.	44,723	47,764	11,819	15,255	8,466	14,219	3,745	9,311
Wool ... lb.	237,647,285	237,647,285	12,306,944	12,306,944	239,217,131	239,217,131	11,141,335	11,141,335
Other Articles ...	.....	.....	758,636	1,667,682	.....	.....	940,772	1,703,473
Total ... £	.....	.....	29,923,050	31,018,274	.....	.....	22,765,729	24,493,530

NOTE.—The difference between the value of Australian produce exported and the total export represents the value of produce of oversea origin re-exported.

No. 13.—Outward Interstate Transfers during November, and during the eleven months, January to November.

NOTE.—The figures for December, 1906, are not yet available.

Article.	1906.			1905.		
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.
November.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Animals—Living	277,971	.....	277,971	248,796	.....	248,796
Apparel and Soft Goods	13,260	26,757	40,017	9,792	27,743	37,535
Biscuits	4,742	27	4,769	5,072	.....	5,072
Boots and Shoes—Leather	13,870	2,070	15,940	9,938	615	10,553
Butter	3,011	.....	3,011	406	.....	406
Cement	3,226	30	3,256	2,684	37	2,721
Coal	73,614	.....	73,614	58,745	.....	58,745
Fruits—Fresh	14,388	1,247	15,635	17,464	439	17,903
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	65,136	3	65,139	88,302	.....	88,302
Grain—Wheat	3,998	.....	3,998	8,814	.....	8,814
Flour	17,462	93	17,555	14,916	40	14,956
Hats and Caps	3,458	3,601	7,059	2,600	3,249	5,849
Leather	6,220	3,016	9,236	5,516	3,527	9,143
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable	5,757	5,135	10,892	3,476	4,116	7,592
Free	3,570	3,325	6,895	1,891	2,753	4,644
Potatoes	548	.....	548	852	230	1,082
Skins and Hides	19,145	.....	19,145	23,234	.....	23,234
Soap	3,511	.....	3,511	3,518	145	3,663
Spelter, Concentrates, &c.	14,506	.....	14,506	32,045	2	32,047
Spirits	881	6,838	7,719	1,757	4,940	6,697
Sugar	12,961	.....	12,961	24,790	76	24,866
Tea ... ..	.....	6,444	6,444	.....	6,316	6,316
Timber	1,633	294	1,927	1,500	377	1,877
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	16,530	2,318	18,848	14,861	2,255	17,116
Wool	829,062	.....	829,062	566,598	.....	566,598
Other Articles	314,125	118,218	432,343	299,735	96,740	396,475
Total	£ 1,722,585	179,416	1,902,001	1,447,402	153,600	1,601,002
January to November.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Animals—Living	1,735,572	3,328	1,738,900	1,761,414	2,732	1,764,146
Apparel and Soft Goods	134,160	294,152	428,312	100,085	264,208	364,293
Biscuits	45,376	106	45,482	35,890	125	36,015
Boots and Shoes—Leather	112,352	14,726	127,078	98,857	8,726	107,583
Butter	47,320	17	47,337	86,048	18	86,066
Cement	31,223	351	31,574	29,521	399	29,920
Coal	822,363	.....	822,363	706,703	.....	706,703
Fruits—Fresh	108,293	9,433	117,726	112,135	2,739	114,874
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	604,897	3	604,900	373,420	5,014	378,434
Grain—Wheat	246,951	.....	246,951	159,590	7	159,597
Flour	159,970	724	160,694	123,109	1,060	124,169
Hats and Caps	27,913	5,955	33,868	21,821	22,267	44,088
Leather	88,504	51,575	140,079	62,362	33,929	96,291
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable	50,535	49,151	99,686	32,537	38,664	71,201
Free	17,971	32,310	50,281	15,452	27,477	42,929
Potatoes	33,436	.....	33,436	39,557	394	39,951
Skins and Hides	143,372	60	143,432	147,960	307	148,267
Soap	42,974	72	43,046	39,470	2,892	42,362
Spelter, Concentrates, &c.	226,106	1	226,107	1,270,430	44	1,270,474
Spirits	28,745	66,544	95,289	10,902	48,503	59,405
Sugar	202,197	5,177	207,374	249,088	12,452	261,540
Tea ... ..	.....	84,444	84,444	.....	95,939	95,939
Timber	36,613	2,698	39,311	23,589	2,683	26,272
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	172,110	30,219	202,329	155,902	27,040	182,942
Wool	2,545,137	.....	2,545,137	2,010,578	.....	2,010,578
Other Articles	2,997,063	1,148,551	4,145,614	1,653,165	1,051,251	2,704,416
Total	£ 10,661,153	1,799,597	12,460,750	9,310,585	1,648,870	10,959,455

No. 14.—Staple Produce Exported Oversea each Month.

Month.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Gold (coined and uncoined).	Lead and Silver-lead.	Copper.	Coal.
1905.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
January ...	697,654	154,736	81,868	247,915	95,857	66,097	42,444
February ...	1,179,195	282,986	88,884	160,050	90,625	67,469	51,852
March ...	491,893	142,418	88,142	279,404	84,761	115,539	58,264
April ...	325,317	96,987	21,850	115,753	84,354	74,458	72,693
May ...	166,436	73,369	70,170	117,805	87,102	90,667	57,778
June ...	243,958	36,259	32,344	244,166	113,391	107,144	71,300
July ...	183,590	19,511	52,891	204,135	95,938	82,870	74,131
August ...	203,456	31,833	48,402	130,109	117,016	72,782	72,110
September ...	849,228	37,682	50,671	275,612	119,149	127,638	77,859
October ...	2,038,175	27,197	54,034	163,697	90,870	171,642	79,330
November ...	2,525,296	48,045	99,678	130,001	83,015	126,267	68,291
December ...	2,237,137	84,838	127,670	142,789	81,871	155,807	115,525
1906.							
January ...	1,277,164	154,318	143,293	164,272	112,407	67,070	38,172
February ...	1,558,533	202,931	108,871	418,403	121,759	109,814	74,168
March ...	723,255	183,320	62,172	483,856	119,819	88,368	47,149
April ...	423,683	117,314	71,706	591,341	96,773	105,688	55,237
May ...	210,380	65,427	50,752	627,758	99,904	115,543	66,254
June ...	290,473	38,593	43,797	446,453	102,301	111,629	80,878
July ...	156,045	27,536	35,069	630,803	92,453	134,491	90,001
August ...	285,897	32,078	31,377	258,859	104,215	155,810	116,834
September ...	760,072	21,936	35,503	1,452,097	114,634	163,256	78,724
October ...	1,298,148	50,663	79,708	476,728	113,816	163,472	71,091
November ...	2,164,199	50,133	187,587	88,235	156,980	154,225	80,620
December ...	3,159,095	31,099	154,001	172,817	99,662	208,243	79,633

No. 15.—Shipping.

Year.	Entered.		Cleared.		Tonnage entered.		Tonnage cleared.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Steam.	Sailing.	Steam.	Sailing.
1896 ...	2,444	3,005,328	2,464	3,034,957	2,303,531	701,797	2,316,744	718,213
1897 ...	2,563	3,258,461	2,652	3,358,933	2,562,513	695,948	2,618,385	740,548
1898 ...	2,602	3,402,629	2,653	3,400,970	2,736,388	666,241	2,732,516	668,454
1899 ...	2,406	3,399,349	2,523	3,468,485	2,790,046	609,303	2,839,578	628,907
1900 ...	2,784	4,014,755	2,714	3,855,748	3,206,657	808,098	3,140,449	715,299
1901 ...	2,760	4,133,200	2,853	4,274,101	3,460,193	673,007	3,513,265	760,836
1902 ...	2,888	4,367,739	2,835	4,325,480	3,704,268	663,471	3,680,850	644,630
1903 ...	2,953	4,463,648	3,007	4,466,916	3,683,142	780,506	3,649,600	817,316
1904 ...	2,718	4,419,179	2,767	4,460,014	3,769,303	649,876	3,745,584	714,430
1905 ...	2,725	4,697,511	2,694	4,684,108	4,051,884	645,627	4,041,184	642,924
1906 ...	2,893	5,283,719	2,883	5,275,031	4,659,821	623,898	4,658,235	616,796
Dec.—1905 ...	301	455,165	258	450,060	407,959	47,206	415,855	34,205
„ 1906 ...	258	474,924	246	479,724	431,000	43,924	456,768	22,956

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No. 16.—Trade with Principal Countries.

Country.	1885.	1890.	1895.	1900.	1904.	1905.
Imports.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Australian States ...	7,595,806	10,049,648	6,758,140	10,164,080	14,152,101	14,938,885
United Kingdom ...	11,985,597	8,628,007	6,420,107	9,923,117	7,867,880	8,602,288
Canada ...	.....	18,784	61,742	114,321	129,054	73,443
Fiji ...	192,540	99,853	27,890	60,831	57,314	43,232
Hongkong ...	340,187	271,730	181,529	67,928	122,130	89,351
India and Ceylon ...	134,909	239,070	306,932	601,741	613,304	717,948
New Zealand ...	899,623	932,073	563,528	1,348,605	862,455	1,369,001
South Africa ...	290	55	34	1,013	3,944	5,254
Straits Settlements ...	40,913	27,148	14,074	40,391	46,366	82,830
Other British Possessions ...	109,850	6,685	18,820	118,929	77,839	67,167
Total, British Countries..	21,299,715	20,273,053	14,352,796	22,440,956	23,932,387	25,989,399
Belgium ...	195,318	130,819	150,288	147,661	279,861	222,994
China ...	303,595	241,840	133,870	190,456	15,290	28,631
France ...	345,231	117,871	76,663	270,084	93,043	138,028
Germany ...	372,557	639,475	425,697	1,105,664	819,267	864,289
Italy ...	1,311	23,961	39,563	92,732	76,945	73,757
Japan ...	1,242	22,040	28,179	122,041	182,912	145,257
New Caledonia ...	82,181	83,920	28,345	28,509	28,637	18,399
Philippine Islands ...	715	4,414	15,211	49,240	21,523	27,854
South Sea Islands ...	36,929	40,214	54,436	107,488	75,542	103,142
United States ...	1,008,572	859,102	624,268	2,557,961	1,579,345	1,636,069
Other Foreign Countries ...	90,095	178,295	63,099	448,279	181,206	176,189
Total, Foreign Countries	2,437,746	2,341,951	1,639,619	5,120,115	3,353,571	3,434,609
Total, All Countries	23,737,461	22,615,004	15,992,415	27,561,071	27,285,958	29,424,008
Exports.						
Australian States ...	6,567,084	10,990,593	7,104,812	9,979,190	9,918,050	12,263,472
United Kingdom ...	7,293,133	6,623,431	9,371,418	8,273,272	10,148,436	10,222,422
Canada ...	.....	10	16,804	66,403	25,557	41,520
Fiji ...	128,643	98,951	86,420	183,579	225,631	245,152
Hongkong ...	246,032	255,050	141,976	218,986	343,275	424,460
India and Ceylon ...	130,597	257,360	56,462	174,296	1,963,471	1,330,189
New Zealand ...	369,055	294,138	486,173	826,662	925,025	934,661
South Africa ...	.....	1,014	3,266	755,487	229,733	371,727
Straits Settlements ...	29,190	34,347	24,507	39,898	103,886	70,991
Other British Possessions ...	30,318	27,469	31,268	49,586	91,713	89,969
Total, British Countries..	14,794,052	18,582,363	17,323,106	20,567,359	23,974,777	25,994,563
Belgium ...	399,549	1,011,846	780,826	620,349	1,223,091	1,787,163
China ...	21,114	1,037	7,943	68,004	285,959	318,159
France ...	142,104	233,924	1,436,122	1,024,300	2,105,829	3,570,246
Germany ...	29,511	404,280	1,141,661	844,504	2,271,025	2,771,396
Italy ...	1,769	24,498	63,509	61,132	112,012	176,770
Japan ...	2,758	7,156	54,242	133,989	359,770	377,451
New Caledonia ...	153,094	193,396	71,344	179,761	141,938	135,446
Philippine Islands ...	.....	16,410	18,603	88,043	145,730	183,853
South Sea Islands ...	68,854	45,290	68,713	126,834	116,036	141,381
United States ...	985,531	1,300,375	683,606	3,981,242	1,763,060	602,145
Other Foreign Countries ...	151,771	225,362	285,110	468,999	517,608	698,429
Total, Foreign Countries	1,956,055	3,463,574	4,611,679	7,597,157	9,033,058	10,762,439
Total, All Countries	16,750,107	22,045,937	21,934,785	28,164,516	33,007,835	36,757,002

No. 17.—Banks of Issue—Liabilities.

(Thirteen Banks.)

NOTE.—Liabilities to Shareholders are not included.

Quarter ended 31st December.	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Deposits.			Balances due to other Banks.	Total Liabilities.
			Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1895	1,223,864	117,327	10,222,437	20,406,822	30,629,259	66,602	32,037,052
1896	1,237,971	111,889	10,707,611	19,128,305	29,835,916	69,000	31,254,776
1897	1,227,964	112,113	10,582,621	19,024,114	29,606,735	79,711	31,026,523
1898	1,278,940	125,414	10,812,215	19,040,496	29,852,711	54,228	31,311,293
1899	1,340,557	202,468	11,779,918	19,648,107	31,428,025	84,009	33,055,059
1900	1,447,641	209,905	12,224,510	20,009,081	32,233,591	78,594	33,969,731
1901	1,499,937	218,943	12,841,599	20,416,857	33,258,456	100,496	35,077,832
1902	1,454,415	208,521	12,587,097	20,472,785	33,059,882	207,610	34,930,428
1903	1,378,642	228,059	12,591,637	19,986,224	32,577,861	65,979	34,250,541
1904	1,345,934	196,995	12,642,715	20,638,560	33,281,275	77,028	34,901,232
1905	1,430,335	218,555	14,859,427	22,211,628	37,071,055	140,118	38,860,063
31 March, 1906 ...	1,446,195	252,563	16,076,815	22,826,225	38,903,040	223,744	40,825,548
30 June, 1906 ...	1,461,640	244,051	15,773,883	23,325,730	39,099,613	213,335	41,018,649
30 Sept., 1906 ...	1,440,536	231,526	15,643,164	22,933,614	38,576,778	128,310	40,337,150
30 Sept., 1905 ...	1,339,703	209,086	14,076,837	21,787,053	35,863,890	102,481	37,515,160

No. 18.—Banks of Issue—Assets.

(Thirteen Banks.)

Quarter ended 31st December.	Coin.	Bullion.	Landed Property.	Notes and Bills discounted, and all other debts due to the Banks.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Balances due from other Banks.	Total Assets.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1895	7,364,659	151,619	1,919,017	35,707,153	222,731	257,150	45,622,329
1896	6,760,851	187,845	1,914,483	35,116,696	223,487	324,466	44,527,828
1897	5,766,554	175,037	1,816,691	35,697,494	227,427	297,519	43,980,722
1898	5,564,870	200,310	1,812,804	34,403,700	256,997	399,543	42,638,224
1899	5,865,622	217,136	1,819,359	33,688,862	287,030	316,652	42,194,661
1900	5,933,076	193,050	1,874,099	34,385,388	246,998	403,816	43,036,427
1901	5,814,180	171,545	1,744,664	35,068,787	259,202	379,181	43,437,559
1902	6,329,551	223,172	1,789,902	34,654,744	287,025	346,097	43,630,491
1903	5,824,539	226,307	1,804,956	34,686,452	304,418	318,904	43,165,576
1904	6,175,911	276,446	1,808,266	32,798,708	283,002	264,615	41,606,948
1905	8,624,083	199,177	1,799,232	32,447,658	326,750	297,237	43,694,137
31 March, 1906 ...	8,636,994	191,131	1,822,947	31,604,708	314,746	381,305	42,951,831
30 June, 1906 ...	8,192,525	163,246	1,833,992	32,056,712	297,107	395,989	42,939,571
30 Sept., 1906 ...	7,546,238	215,059	1,823,346	33,166,498	289,016	324,395	43,364,552
30 Sept., 1905 ...	8,174,325	256,238	1,823,986	32,425,127	265,223	273,622	43,218,521

No. 19.—Banks' Exchange Settlements, Sydney.

Year.				Amount.	Year.				Amount.
				£					£
1895				109,265,984	1901				167,676,706
1896				116,962,784	1902				178,637,708
1897				121,645,824	1903				180,961,406
1898				126,978,018	1904				177,797,334
1899				146,188,144	1905				189,826,381
1900				144,080,313	1906				220,860,512

No. 20.—Savings Banks.

Year.	Number of Depositors.	Value of Deposits.	Increase in Deposits during Year.	Amount Deposited.	
				Per Depositor.	Per Inhabitant.
	No.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1895	202,802	8,073,575	856,575	39 16 2	6 7 11
1896	213,608	8,522,623	449,048	39 18 0	6 13 3
1897	227,629	9,136,793	614,170	40 2 9	7 0 5
1898	242,365	9,480,944	344,151	39 2 4	7 3 4
1899	260,825	10,069,434	588,490	38 12 1	7 9 10
1900	282,643	10,901,382	831,948	38 11 5	7 19 9
1901	306,311	11,808,710	907,328	38 11 0	8 11 2
1902	323,212	12,425,464	616,754	38 8 10	8 16 7
1903	331,956	12,344,623	(—) 80,841	37 3 9	8 12 5
1904	339,602	12,743,735	399,112	37 10 6	8 15 2
1905	355,714	13,498,252	754,517	37 18 11	9 1 6

(—) Denotes decrease.

No. 21.—Life Assurance.—Business in force (exclusive of Industrial).

NOTE.—This Table refers to all offices doing business in New South Wales.

Year.	Number of Policies.	Assurances.			Annual Premium Income.
		Sums Assured (exclusive of Bonuses).	Bonus Additions.	Total.	
		£	£	£	£
1895	270,673	79,085,735	9,259,337	88,345,072	2,675,331
1896	280,113	80,587,515	9,475,207	90,062,722	2,714,808
1897	290,112	82,216,900	9,721,036	91,937,936	2,769,612
1898	306,916	85,630,767	11,093,343	96,724,110	2,903,218
1899	327,618	89,996,612	10,533,800	100,530,412	3,037,142
1900	349,485	93,888,153	11,190,189	105,078,342	3,168,808
1901	372,823	98,168,271	11,510,243	109,678,514	3,327,803
1902	392,369	102,006,915	11,507,608	113,514,523	3,467,718
1903	418,745	107,786,226	12,585,828	120,372,054	3,677,680
1904	440,005	112,357,451	13,418,599	125,776,050	3,845,577
1905	459,675	116,115,582	13,846,138	129,961,720	3,982,421

No. 22.—Life Assurance.—Assets and Liabilities.

NOTE.—This table refers only to Australasian offices doing business in New South Wales.

Year.	Assets.			Liabilities.		
	Loans on Mortgages and Policies.	Government and Municipal Securities, Freehold Property, Cash on Deposit, &c.	Total.	Assurance, Endowment, and Annuity Funds.	Paid-up Capital, Reserve Funds, &c.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1895	15,600,229	5,896,830	21,497,059	20,475,205	1,021,854	21,497,059
1896	16,597,379	5,736,667	22,334,046	21,399,835	934,211	22,334,046
1897	17,360,627	6,036,232	23,396,859	22,537,196	859,663	23,396,859
1898	17,038,041	7,484,151	24,522,192	23,654,709	867,483	24,522,192
1899	18,272,621	7,777,844	26,050,465	25,130,924	919,541	26,050,465
1900	19,013,579	8,457,644	27,471,223	26,491,025	980,198	27,471,223
1901	19,048,449	9,891,691	28,940,140	27,932,313	1,007,827	28,940,140
1902	19,680,288	10,910,198	30,590,486	29,518,852	1,071,634	30,590,486
1903	20,599,387	11,609,060	32,208,447	31,160,834	1,047,613	32,208,447
1904	21,739,875	12,501,434	34,241,309	33,264,382	976,927	34,241,309
1905	22,072,061	13,795,301	35,867,362	34,915,842	951,520	35,867,362

No. 23.—Area under Crop.

Year ended 31st March.			Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane (area cut).	Hay.	Vines. Wine-making.	All Crops.
			acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1896	...	...	596,684	211,104	23,750	14,398	319,296	4,390	1,348,600
1897	...	...	866,112	211,382	39,530	18,194	327,209	4,608	1,659,717
1898	...	...	993,350	209,588	28,605	12,936	401,073	4,490	1,821,829
1899	...	...	1,319,503	193,286	19,874	14,578	461,784	4,573	2,204,500
1900	...	...	1,426,166	214,697	29,125	9,435	554,048	4,602	2,439,639
1901	...	...	1,530,609	206,051	29,383	10,472	466,236	4,534	2,445,564
1902	...	...	1,392,070	167,333	32,245	8,790	442,163	4,889	2,276,528
1903	...	...	1,279,760	202,437	42,992	8,899	491,918	5,041	2,245,839
1904	...	...	1,561,111	226,834	51,621	10,405	496,017	5,101	2,542,919
1905	...	...	1,775,955	193,614	40,471	9,772	435,704	5,928	2,672,973
1906	...	...	1,939,447	189,353	38,543	10,313	438,036	5,279	2,838,081

No. 24.—Production of Crops.

Year ended 31st March.			Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Total value of Agricultural Production.
			bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	£
1896	...	...	5,195,312	5,687,030	374,196	207,771	229,671	885,673	4,100,709
1897	...	...	8,853,445	5,754,217	834,633	320,276	334,902	794,256	5,373,614
1898	...	...	10,560,111	6,713,060	543,946	269,068	405,353	864,514	6,249,677
1899	...	...	9,276,216	6,064,842	278,007	289,206	334,297	845,232	4,874,696
1900	...	...	13,604,166	5,976,022	627,904	170,509	546,850	739,668	5,609,437
1901	...	...	16,173,771	6,292,745	593,548	199,118	526,260	891,190	5,855,674
1902	...	...	14,808,705	3,844,993	687,179	187,711	472,621	868,479	7,060,203
1903	...	...	1,585,097	3,049,269	351,758	183,105	243,379	806,140	4,138,627
1904	...	...	27,334,141	6,836,740	1,252,156	227,511	816,810	1,086,820	8,358,920
1905	...	...	16,464,415	4,985,132	652,646	199,640	366,293	928,160	5,413,714
1906	...	...	20,737,200	5,539,750	883,081	201,998	459,182	831,700	6,543,000

No. 25.—Average Yield per acre of Crops.

Year ended 31st March.			Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Value per acre.
			bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	£ s. d.
1896	...	...	8'7	27'0	15'8	14'4	0'7	202	3 0 10
1897	...	...	10'2	27'2	21'1	17'6	1'0	172	3 4 9
1898	...	...	10'6	32'0	19'0	20'8	1'0	193	3 8 7
1899	...	...	7'0	31'4	14'0	19'8	0'7	185	2 4 3
1900	...	...	9'5	27'8	21'6	18'1	1'0	160	2 6 0
1901	...	...	10'6	30'5	20'2	19'0	1'1	197	2 8 0
1902	...	...	10'6	22'9	21'3	21'4	1'1	178	3 2 0
1903	...	...	1'2	15'1	8'2	20'9	0'5	160	1 16 10
1904	...	...	17'5	30'1	24'3	21'9	1'6	213	3 5 9
1905	...	...	9'3	25'6	16'1	20'4	0'8	175	2 0 6
Mean for 10 years			9'7	27'1	18'4	19'1	0'7	183	2 12 8
1906	...	...	10'7	29'3	22'9	19'6	1'0	157	2 6 1

No. 26.—Live Stock.

Year ended 31st December.	Horses.	Cattle.		Sheep.	Pigs.
		Dairy Cows.	All other.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1895	499,943	358,411	1,791,646	47,617,687	223,597
1896	510,636	400,183	1,825,980	48,318,790	214,581
1897	498,034	409,098	1,673,598	43,952,897	207,738
1898	491,553	416,053	1,613,463	41,241,004	247,061
1899	482,200	399,327	1,567,754	36,213,514	239,973
1900	481,417	420,148	1,562,968	40,020,506	256,577
1901	486,716	417,835	1,629,619	41,857,099	265,730
1902	450,125	351,287	1,389,939	26,649,424	193,097
1903	458,014	*523,438	1,357,140	28,656,501	221,592
1904	482,663	*591,936	1,557,193	34,526,894	330,666
1905	506,884	*644,164	1,693,809	39,506,764	310,702

* Prior to 1903 the figures include only the cows actually in milk at the time the returns were taken. The 1903 figures include 117,679 cows dry at the time, and 43,330 heifers within three months of calving. The figures for 1904 are 131,595 and 35,405 respectively, and for 1905, 154,649 and 46,559 respectively.

No. 27.—Production—Pastoral and Dairying.

Year.	Wool (as in the grease).	Tallow.	Butter.	Cheese.	Bacon and Hams.
	lb.	cwt.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1895	343,040,000	1,077,215	23,295,512	2,938,785	5,250,717
1896	320,267,000	570,983	25,874,277	4,019,844	5,303,763
1897	303,315,000	656,973	29,409,966	3,937,168	6,544,781
1898	292,165,000	466,102	31,483,601	3,245,312	7,184,058
1899	254,833,000	389,838	33,033,881	2,385,987	6,831,943
1900	237,660,000	444,429	41,479,794	3,558,823	10,863,125
1901	310,075,000	450,713	39,056,878	3,838,835	11,080,891
1902	217,411,000	251,188	29,950,977	4,148,038	8,995,856
1903	227,004,000	235,198	38,727,107	4,748,176	7,864,771
1904	249,140,000	356,800	53,591,243	4,223,621	10,680,532
1905	297,154,000	492,734	53,040,250	4,625,980	11,602,440

No. 28.—Price Levels.

The index numbers are calculated on the f.o.b. prices, Sydney, based on London prices of principal articles of domestic produce exported. The average prices of 1901 are adopted as basis and called 1,000.

Period.	General Index— all articles.	Index of Pastoral Products—Wool, Tallow, Hides, Leather, &c.	Index of Metals—Silver Lead, Copper, Tin.
1901—average of year	1,000	1,000	1,000
1902 " "	1,065	1,096	935
1903 " "	1,065	1,125	992
1904 " "	1,071	1,112	1,011
1905 " "	1,150	1,192	1,149
1906 " "	1,277	1,316	1,432
December, 1902	1,087	1,183	894
" 1903	1,047	1,096	978
" 1904	1,123	1,142	1,092
" 1905	1,239	1,246	1,351
January, 1906	1,234	1,271	1,350
March, "	1,256	1,335	1,353
June, "	1,287	1,361	1,386
September, "	1,277	1,283	1,466
October, "	1,293	1,268	1,567
November, "	1,303	1,304	1,574
December, 1906	1,346	1,381	1,600

No. 29.—Average Prices in London of New South Wales Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat.	Flour.	Butter.		Wool.		Tallow.
			Top.	Bottom.	Greasy.	Scoured.	
	per qr. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.	per cwt. s.	per cwt. s.	per lb. d.	per lb. s. d.	per cwt. s. d.
December, 1905 ...	32 3	8 12 0	115	110	11½	1 8	27 6
January, 1906 ...	31 6	8 7 0	116	108	11½	1 9	27 6
February, " ...	31 3	8 5 0	106	101	11½	1 9	28 0
March, " ...	31 6	8 5 0	104	94	12¼	1 9½	28 0
April, " ...	31 6	8 1 0	95	90	12¼	1 9½	28 0
May, " ...	31 3	8 6 0	97	95	12½	1 10	27 6
June, " ...	30 9	8 1 0	97	94	12½	1 10	28 9
July, " ...	31 3	8 0 0	103	94	12	1 9	28 9
August, " ...	30 9	7 17 0	112	106	11½	1 8	29 0
September, " ...	30 6	7 17 0	114	111	11½	1 8	29 0
October, " ...	31 0	7 11 0	119	113	11¼	1 8½	28 6
November, " ...	30 9	7 9 0	117	111	11¼	1 8	30 0
December, " ...	29 9	.....	109	106	12¼	1 9	34 0

No. 30.—Average Wholesale Prices in Sydney of N.S.W. Agricultural and Dairy Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat (Milling).	Flour.	Bran.	Pollard.	Oats.	Maize.
	per bushel. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. s. d.	per bushel. s. d.
December, 1905 ...	3 8	8 2 6	10¾	12¼	2 11	4 5
January, 1906 ...	3 2½	7 15 0	9½	11¾	2 10½	4 2
February, " ...	3 1½	7 9 9	10¾	11	2 8¾	3 11½
March, " ...	3 2¼	7 7 9	9¾	9¾	2 7¾	3 11½
April, " ...	3 4	7 6 9	10½	10½	2 10½	2 9
May, " ...	3 5 900	7 13 6	11½	11½	3 2¼	2 7¼
June, " ...	3 6	7 17 6	11	11	3 3¼	2 8
July, " ...	3 5 700	7 15 0	10¾	10½	3 4¼	2 10
August, " ...	3 5 300	7 15 0	10	10	3 4	2 11
September, " ...	3 3 300	7 13 0	9½	9½	3 3	2 8¾
October, " ...	3 2 300	7 9 9	8¾	10	2 7	2 6¾
November, " ...	3 0 300	7 7 6	7½	9¾	2 1½	2 6¾
December, " ...	3 0	7 7 6	7¾	9	2 2	2 5½

	Hay (Oaten).	Butter (Best Brands).	Cheese (Loaf).	Bacon (Sides).	Lard (Bulk).	Eggs.
	per ton. £ s. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per doz. d.
December, 1905 ...	3 5 0	10¾	5¾	6¾	5	9¾
January, 1906 ...	4 1 6	11¼	5½	6½	5½	8¾
February, " ...	3 4 6	10¾	5¾	7½	5½	11
March, " ...	3 11 9	10½	5¾	7¾	5¼	12¾
April, " ...	3 7 0	9¾	5¾	6½	5¾	14½
May, " ...	3 15 0	9¾	5¾	6	5½	13½
June, " ...	3 18 6	10½	6¼	5¾	5½	13½
July, " ...	3 14 0	11	6	6	5¼	11
August, " ...	3 14 3	12½	6	6¾	5¾	7¼
September, " ...	3 13 6	11¾	6	7½	5¼	6¾
October, " ...	3 14 3	11¾	6	7½	5¾	6¾
November, " ...	2 15 0	10½	5¾	8	5½	7½
December, " ...	3 5 9	9¼	5½	7¾	5½	8¾

No. 31.—Gold produced, and Minerals exported, January to December.

Gold yield during the Years 1905 and 1906.

	1906.		1905.	
	Quantity.	Value .	Quantity.	Value.
	oz. fine.	£	oz. fine.	£
January to November	238,416	1,012,726	248,840	1,057,006
December	15,571	66,140	25,427	108,007
Total for Year	253,987	1,078,866	274,267	1,165,013

Export of Minerals during the first nine months, 1905 and 1906.

Exports.	Nine months, 1906.		Nine months, 1905.		Third quarter, 1906.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		£		£		£
Silver ingots and matte ... oz.	213,305	26,748	253,732	28,859	41,144	5,358
Silver-lead, concentrates, &c.... ton	261,224	1,959,949	324,508	1,755,710	95,307	782,245
Copper ingots, and ore* ... „	7,710	585,587	6,167	388,758	2,791	213,747
Tin ingots, and ore* ... „	1,956	316,348	1,857	227,574	682	128,819
Coal—						
To Australasian Ports ... „	1,618,887	628,370	1,477,669	580,283	617,495	240,982
„ other Ports	1,994,995	874,940	1,186,162	493,519	854,567	381,379
Total Export of Coal...	3,613,882	1,503,310	2,663,831	1,073,802	1,472,062	622,361
Grand Total	£ 4,391,942		£ 3,474,703		£ 1,752,530	

*The exports of tin and copper include metal refined from ores imported from other States and treated here. The quantity and value of the copper and tin ore imported during the first nine months of the years 1905 and 1906 are as follow:—

	Nine months, 1906.		Nine months, 1905.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	tons.	£	tons.	£
Copper	3,705	51,185	3,506	37,324
Tin	1,874	193,491	1,702	126,925

The silver and coal exports represent the product of the mines of this State.

No. 32.—Quantity and Value of Minerals produced, 1904 and 1905.

Minerals.	1904.		1905.		Increase in Value.	Decrease in Value.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.		
		£		£	£	£
Metallic—						
Gold oz. fine	269,817	1,146,109	274,267	1,165,013	18,904	.....
Silver „	1,121,402	123,256	417,520	52,196	.....	71,060
Silver—lead and ore ... ton	397,220	1,942,284	441,447	2,441,856	499,572	.....
Lead—pig, &c.... „	5,883	65,964	210	2,657	.....	63,307
Zinc spelter & concentrates „	57,603	117,978	103,532	221,155	103,177	.....
Tin ingots and ore	1,700	188,377	1,957	226,110	37,733	.....
Copper ingots and ore...	8,932	406,001	8,592	527,403	121,402	.....
Antimony and ore	109	503	388	5,221	4,718	.....
Bismuth „	40	12,329	55	20,763	8,434	.....
Wolfram „	89	8,432	86	7,361	.....	1,071
Scheelite „	16	1,406	138	10,122	8,716	.....
Molybdenite „	25	2,726	19	2,507	.....	219
Platinum oz.	535	1,070	398	825	.....	245
Non-metallic—						
Coal ton	6,019,809	1,994,952	6,632,138	2,003,461	8,509	.....
Coke „	171,006	110,692	162,961	100,306	.....	10,386
Kerosene shale... .. „	37,871	26,771	38,226	21,247	.....	5,524
Alunite „	370	925	2,702	6,750	5,825	.....
Limestone flux... .. „	24,975	14,434	14,941	9,519	.....	4,915
Ironstone flux „	8,661	6,628	6,801	4,525	.....	2,103
Marble ... .. „	.....	1,600	.....	2,420	820	.....
Diamonds carat	14,296	11,620	6,354	3,745	.....	7,875
Opal ... .. „	.....	57,000	.....	59,000	2,000	.....
Sundry minerals ... ..	.....	2,204	.....	2,919	715	.....
Total ... .. £	.....	6,243,261	.....	6,897,081	653,820	.....
					Net increase	.....

NOTE.—The above table does not include iron made from scrap valued at £80,504 in 1904 and £85,693 in 1905, nor lime and Portland cement valued at £68,000 and £103,119, respectively, in 1904 and 1905. These items are accounted for in the manufacturing returns.

No. 33.—Value of Minerals Produced.

Year.	Gold.	Silver, Silver-lead, and Ore.	Copper.	Tin.	Coal.	Total Minerals Produced.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1895 ...	1,315,929	1,642,671	136,969	87,937	1,095,327	4,482,926
1896 ...	1,073,360	1,785,451	197,814	68,546	1,125,281	4,431,643
1897 ...	1,104,315	1,698,239	283,174	49,900	1,230,041	4,648,119
1898 ...	1,201,743	1,704,055	272,686	45,638	1,271,833	4,801,585
1899 ...	1,623,320	2,070,657	395,451	90,482	1,325,799	6,089,749
1900 ...	1,070,920	2,604,117	425,301	142,724	1,668,911	6,362,078
1901 ...	737,164	1,854,463	412,292	76,544	2,178,929	5,680,739
1902 ...	684,970	1,440,179	307,806	59,593	2,206,598	5,102,321
1903 ...	1,080,029	1,501,403	446,286	155,723	2,319,660	5,957,512
1904 ...	1,146,109	2,065,540	406,001	188,377	1,994,952	6,243,261
1905 ...	1,165,013	2,494,052	527,403	226,110	2,003,461	6,897,081

No. 34.—Manufactories.

Year.	Number of Establish- ments.	Hands Employed.			Value of Plant and Machinery.	Total Wages Paid.	Value of Output.
		Males.	Females.	Total.			
		No.	No.	No.	£	£	£
1895 ...	2,723	41,546	6,484	48,030	5,255,129	Not available.	
1896 ...	2,928	42,908	6,932	49,840	5,035,905	"	
1897 ...	2,826	44,333	7,106	51,439	5,294,228	"	
1898 ...	2,839	44,673	7,845	52,518	5,435,696	"	
1899 ...	2,912	47,063	8,583	55,646	5,640,384	"	
1900 ...	3,077	50,516	10,263	60,779	5,707,640	4,974,216	Not available.
1901 ...	3,367	54,556	11,674	66,230	5,860,725	4,945,079	24,393,471
1902 ...	3,396	54,326	11,943	66,269	6,795,843	5,080,740	Not available.
1903 ...	3,476	52,453	13,180	65,633	7,009,806	4,839,557	26,391,028
1904 ...	3,632	53,457	14,579	68,036	7,536,903	5,012,758	27,159,230
1905 ...	3,700	56,117	16,058	72,175	7,919,950	5,191,350	30,028,150

No. 35.—Railways.

Year ended 30th June.	Miles open for traffic.	Capital expended on lines open.	Net earnings.	Train miles run.	Net earnings per train mile.	Passengers carried.
	No.	£	£	No.	s. d.	No.
1895 ...	2,531	36,611,366	1,310,615	7,594,281	3 5½	19,725,418
1896 ...	2,531	36,852,194	1,268,529	7,719,618	3 3½	21,005,048
1897 ...	2,640	37,369,205	1,413,524	8,130,405	3 5½	22,672,924
1898 ...	2,691	37,719,402	1,412,143	8,340,338	3 4½	23,233,206
1899 ...	2,707	37,992,276	1,454,831	8,806,647	3 3½	24,726,067
1900 ...	2,811	38,477,269	1,394,052	8,894,352	3 1½	26,486,873
1901 ...	2,846	38,932,781	1,530,578	10,763,697	2 10½	29,261,324
1902 ...	3,026	40,565,073	1,401,317	11,649,059	2 4½	30,885,214
1903 ...	3,139	41,654,977	1,048,594	11,548,338	1 9½	32,384,138
1904 ...	3,281	42,288,517	1,177,473	10,400,503	2 3½	33,792,689
1905 ...	3,281	43,062,550	1,491,869	10,467,886	2 10½	35,158,150
1906 ...	3,390	43,626,063	1,926,407	11,863,682	3 3	37,500,531
*December, 1906 ...	3,453	43,626,063	667,291	3,309,278	4 0½	10,500,118
*December, 1905 ...	3,370	43,062,550	550,435	3,097,139	3 6½	9,473,384

* Quarter ended 31st December.

No. 36.—Current Rates of Wages.

Mechanics, Artisans, and others (without Board and Lodging).

Bakers (per week), 50/- to 60/-

Blacksmiths, 10/- per day; average, 50/-

Boilermakers—

1/3 per hour, new work	} approximate average
1/4 " old work	

per week, 35/-

Brassfinishers, 1/- per hour; average, 42/-

Brassmoulders, 1/3 " " 50/-

Bricklayers, 1/4½ " " 45/-

Brickmakers, 1/- " " 40/-

Carpenters and joiners, 1/3 per hour; av'ge, 50/-

Coach-painters, 1/3 per hour; average, 45/- to 50/-

Coachsmiths, 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-

Compositors (piecework)—

1/- to 1/1 per 1,000 ens.

52/- per week (jobbing).

Linotype (newspapers), -/3 per 1,000 ens.

Time rate, 1/6 per hour (day).

" 1/9 " (night).

Cooper (piecework), 50/- to 60/- per week.

Coppersmiths, 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-

Engineers, 1/3 to 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-

Engine-drivers, 30/- to 50/- per week; av'ge, 40/-

Engine-fitters, 1/3 to 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-

Galvanised iron workers, 1/1½ per hour; av'ge, 50/-

Gas-fitters, 1/4½ per hour; average, 55/-

General labourers, 7/- per day.

Skilled " 8/- " ; average, 40/-

Ironmoulders, 1/3 per hour; average, 40/-

Iron-turners, 1/3 " " 50/-

Masons and stone-cutters, 1/4½ per hour; average, 40/-

Navvies—av'ge, 7/- to 8/- per day; 40/- per week.

Painters and paperhangers (44 hours per week),

1/2 per hour; average, 35/- per week.

Pattern-makers, 10/- to 12/- per day.

Plasterers, 1/3 per hour; average, 45/-

Plumbers, 1/4½ " " 50/-

Saddlers (piecework), average, 48/- to 50/-

Shipwrights (adults), 11/- to 12/- per day.

Shop assistants (per week)—

Butchers, with board, 25/- to 30/-

" without board, 35/- to 45/-

Drapers (males), 30/- to 45/-

" (females), 12/6 to 20/-

Grocers, 30/- to 45/-

Ironmongers, 30/- to 40/-

Tinsmiths, 1/1½ and 1/2 per hour; average, 50/-

Trolly and Draymen, 1 horse, 40/-; 2 horses, 45/-

per week of 57 hours. 2/6 per week for each

additional horse.

Typewriters (females), 10/- to 30/- per week.

Wharf labourers—

Deep sea, 1/3 per hour; 1/9 overtime;

average, 30/-

Interstate and coastal, 1/1½ per hour; 1/4

overtime; average, 30/-

Wheelwrights, 1/3 per hour; average, 45/-

Woolwashers, 7/- per day.

Average Wages for Adults in Factories (per week).

Aerated water bottlers, 35/-

Boat builders (average, 40/-), 54/-

Bookbinders (average, 50/-), 52/-

Bootmakers, male (average, 38/-), 45/-

Bootmakers, female machinists (av'ge, 12/6), 15/-

Brewery hands, 36/- to 44/-

Cabinetmakers (average, 50/-), 52/-

Dressmakers, 12/6 to 20/-

Gasworks labourers, 40/-

Milliners, 12/6 to 20/-

Paper-bag makers, females—

Handwork, 15/- to 18/-

Machinists, 16/- to 20/-

" males, 30/- to 40/-

Paper box makers, males, 25/- to 45/-

" females, 10/- to 20/-

Sawmill labourers, 36/- to 40/-

Tailors (coat hands), 45/- to 55/-

Tailoresses (coat hands), 20/- to 25/-

" (trousers and vest), order, 10/- to 22/6.

" " " factory, 10/- to 20/-

Tanners, 43/-

Tobacco (piecework)—

Cigar makers, male, 40/-

" " female, 23/-

Upholsterers, male, 52/-

NOTE.—The averages stated indicate the approximate amount earned per week all the year round in the specified trades. An ordinary working day consists of eight hours. The rates shown are practically the minimum.

Interstate Steamers (per month).

Officers, chief, £14 to £17; 2nd, £11 to £13;

3rd, £9 to £10; 4th, £8.

Engineers, chief, £20 to £27 10s.; 2nd, £16 to

£19; 3rd, £14 to £15; 4th, £12.

Firemen, £8 10s. to £10.

Trimmers, £6 10s. to £7.

Able seamen, £7.

" " (sailing ships), average, £5.

State (New South Wales) Steamers.

Firemen, £9 to £10.

Trimmers, £7.

Able Seamen, £7 (6-hour watches).

No. 36.—Current Rates of Wages—*continued.**Farm and Station Hands (with rations and lodging), per week or per year.*

Married couples (without encumbrances), farm, £65; station, £70 to £80.
 Farm labourers, 15/-
 Boundary riders, 15/- to 40/-
 Bullock drivers, 17/6 to 20/-
 Dairy hands, 12/6 to 20/-
 Rouseabouts and shed hands, 12/6 to 15/-
 Horse team drivers, 20/- to 22/6.

Stockmen, £45 to £52.
 Country blacksmiths, station, 30/-; general (without station rations), 50/- to 60/-
 Useful boys, 7/6 to 12/6.
 Shearers (per 100 sheep), no rations, 20/-
 Harvest hands, 30/-
 Orchard hands, 10/- to 20/-
 Vignerons, 15/- to 17/6.

Domestic Servants (with board and lodging), per week.

Cooks—
 Hotel, 12/- to 30/-
 Station, 20/- to 25/-
 Private house, 15/- to 20/-
 Boarding house, 20/- to 30/-
 Laundresses, 20/-
 Cook and laundress, 15/- to 20/-

House and parlourmaids, 12/- to 14/-
 General servants, 10/- to 18/-
 Gardeners, 12/6 to 25/-
 Grooms and coachmen, 15/- to 20/-
 Nursemaids, and assist in house, 6/- to 10/-
 Useful girls, 4/- to 8/-
 Waitresses (board only), 12/- to 15/-

No. 37.—Postal Communication.

Year.	Post Offices open.	Letters carried.	Post cards and letter cards carried.	Newspapers carried.	Packets, books, and parcels carried.	Miles of telegraph line.	Telegrams transmitted.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1895	1,972	68,079,018	1,294,690	44,902,900	11,682,072	12,316	2,635,456
1896	2,006	68,845,675	1,406,560	45,558,340	16,109,750	12,418	2,796,776
1897	2,046	72,490,144	1,534,710	42,426,394	13,258,207	12,778	2,728,360
1898	2,098	75,119,595	1,862,100	42,570,850	17,093,767	13,242	2,866,570
1899	2,152	74,686,138	2,040,610	46,806,560	14,641,064	13,663	3,112,063
1900	2,189	77,361,604	2,241,090	51,500,920	14,558,454	14,065	3,219,907
1901	2,208	80,301,717	2,481,750	52,317,650	15,216,387	14,272	3,449,315
1902	2,216	88,077,145	2,704,250	47,763,350	16,995,440	14,356	3,627,369
1903	2,228	89,156,941	3,081,270	37,900,840	16,305,421	14,395	3,638,591
1904	2,239	93,752,099	4,518,088	40,384,812	19,485,389	14,491	3,637,280
1905	2,266	102,292,838	9,665,700	44,599,104	23,077,094	14,827	3,837,962

No. 38.—Meteorology.

District.	December, 1906.					December— (Mean 1896-1905).			Mean annual— All previous years.	
	Temperature.			Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Mean Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.
	Mean.	Mean Max.	Mean Min.							
	deg. (Fahr.)	deg. (Fahr.)	deg. (Fahr.)	inches.		deg. (Fahr.)	inches.		deg. (Fahr.)	inches.
North Coast—										
Grafton	72·8	87·0	58·5	2·69	8	76·8	3·78	8	68·4	38·91
Hunter and Manning—										
Singleton	74·8	86·9	62·8	1·93	3	75·2	2·57	5	64·4	30·15
Cumberland—										
Sydney	69·6	76·8	62·4	1·61	9	70·3	2·17	12	62·8	49·05
South Coast—										
Bega	68·6	82·4	54·7	1·87	6	69·3	2·25	6	59·8	32·49
Northern Tableland—										
Armidale	65·6	78·2	52·9	2·23	10	67·3	3·44	10	56·4	31·87
Central Tableland—										
Bathurst	68·8	84·0	53·5	1·72	8	69·6	1·93	6	57·2	23·96
Southern Tableland—										
Goulburn	65·0	78·1	51·9	1·38	6	66·9	1·67	7	56·4	25·91
North-western Slope—										
Gunnedah	75·7	88·9	62·5	·68	3	79·7	2·18	6	66·2	24·93
Central-western Slope—										
Dubbo	75·9	94·1	57·7	1·89	7	78·5	1·62	5	63·5	22·36
South-western Slope—										
Wagga	75·8	93·0	58·5	·64	6	77·1	·91	4	61·5	21·71
North-western Plain—										
Moree	79·7	95·7	63·7	·28	4	80·9	1·70	5	68·8	23·29
Central-western Plain—										
Coonamble	78·9	93·7	64·1	·24	1	80·8	·85	3	65·8	20·12
Riverina—										
Deniliquin	73·4	90·6	56·2	·79	3	74·7	·90	3	61·9	16·35